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PATENT

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Regulatory Gene and Uses

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 2, 2004

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 signed by the inventors, and a Request for Continued Examination, is submitted herewith.

Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the claims at page 2. Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.